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RECEPTOR BASED ANTAGONISTS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING

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5 Throughout this application various publications are referenced. The disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 Although discovered for varying biological activities, ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), oncostatin M (OSM) and interleukin-6 (IL-6) comprise a defined family of cytokines (referred to herein as the "CNTF family" of cytokines). These cytokines are grouped together
15 because of their distant structural similarities [Bazan, J. Neuron 7: 197-208 (1991); Rose and Bruce, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88: 8641-8645 (1991)], and, perhaps more importantly, because they share " β " signal-transducing receptor components [Baumann, et al., J. Biol. Chem. 265:19853-19862 (1993); Davis, et al., Science 260: 1805-1808 (1993); Gearing et al., Science 255:1434-1437 (1992); Ip
20 et al., Cell 69: 1121-1132 (1992); Stahl, et al., J. Biol. Chem. 268: 7628-7631 (1993); Stahl and Yancopoulos, Cell 74: 587-590 (1993)]. Receptor activation by this family of cytokines results from either homo- or hetero-dimerization of these β components [Davis, et al. Science 260: 1805-1808 (1993), Murakami, et al., Science 260: 1808-1810 (1993); Stahl and Yancopoulos, Cell 74: 587-590 (1993)].
25 IL-6 receptor activation requires homodimerization of gp130 [Murakami, et al. Science 260: 1808-1810 (1993), Hibi, et al., Cell 63: 1149-1157 (1990)], a protein initially identified as the IL-6 signal transducer [Hibi, et al., Cell 63: 1149-1157